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ENERGY RESOURCES

Ghana* **: draft resolution

The Committee on Natural Resources recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development and efficient use of energy resources

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth special session, 1/ and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/

1/ General Assembly resolution S/18/3, annex.

2/ General Assembly resolution 45/199, annex.

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Recalling also Assembly resolutions 40/208 of 17 December 1985 and 45/209 of 21 December 1990 on the development of the energy resources of developing countries,

Recalling further its resolutions 1987/10 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/6 of 22 May 1989,

Recognizing that revitalization of the economic growth and development of developing countries and the process of integration of economies in transition into the world economy will cause an increase in energy demand,

Recognizing also that in view of increased energy demand, new and additional investments and strengthened energy policies will be needed to prevent energy shortages,

Concerned that shortage of energy in developing countries is causing serious disruption of economic activities,

Affirming that the exploitation of energy sources in developing countries, including the tapping of available hydropower potential and other sources of energy, adequately harnessed with appropriate capital and technological inputs, could help to contribute to the solution of energy shortages in these countries,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on energy resources; 3/

2. Reaffirms the central role that the United Nations system can play in intensifying efforts to promote the international exchange of experience and knowledge and the flow of efficient technologies, especially new and emerging ones, to developing countries;

3. Acknowledges the need to increase access on easier terms of developing countries to energy efficient technologies and research, and in that context, calls upon the United Nations system and developed countries to support the development of national endeavours of developing countries as well as regional and interregional cooperation;

4. Calls upon the international community and, in particular developed countries, to provide the developing countries with technology and financial resources in order to enable them to fully unfold their potential capabilities in the field of new and renewable sources of energy, including their vast potential hydropower;

5. Calls also upon multilateral and regional financial institutions, as well as donor countries, to increase their allocation of financial resources,

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3/ E/C.7/1991/9; E/C.7/1991/12; E/C.7/1991/13.

so as to promote programmes and technical cooperation projects to support energy resource development in the developing countries;

6. Encourages exchange of views between producers and consumers of energy, in particular oil, in order to ensure supply and demand on a predictable and stable basis;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee on Natural Resources at its thirteenth session, a report on trends and salient issues in energy, including information on technical cooperation prototype programmes and projects for enhancing both energy efficiency and conservation, and increasing the development of economically viable energy resources. The report should also contain the relevant conclusions and recommendations of international and regional seminars, workshops and conferences, organized by the United Nations, addressing energy issues;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee at its thirteenth session a report containing recommendations to bring conformity between energy policy objectives proposed by the World Bank to the developing countries and the policies and objectives contained in General Assembly resolution 45/199 on the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the Committee at its thirteenth session on programmes under way and planned for human resources development in the field of energy, including, inter alia, measures for required institutional strengthening through advisory services, on-the-job training, external fellowships and comprehensive training packages.